

New Class of '50 Officers Plan for Coming Year

Aims Are Stag Party, Annual Easter Vacation, Class Council, Bulletin

Consolidation of the party platforms, the establishment of working committees, and the discussion of the possibility of initiating a new class bulletin was the business of the evening at the first meeting of the Junior class officers last week.

In keeping with the Independent Party's policy of making it easier for candidates to run independently, Robert W. Mann suggested that two class assemblies be held before elections, one a nominating convention and the other a pre-election rally.

The discussion favored the establishment of a class council although the method to be used in its formation was not settled. James M. Baker suggested a "Town Crier" system for the present based on living groups.

Responsibilities of the class were divided into committees and chairmen appointed: Freshman Director, Robert W. Mann; Records Committee, Donald J. Eberly; Social Committee, James M. Baker. Joseph S. Gottlieb was appointed to investigate the possibilities of having a permanent spring vacation at Easter inasmuch as Spring recess falls on Easter next year. The support of the Administration will be sought.

At the meeting of the social chairmen last Tuesday James Baker asked that the first school week-end in January be reserved for a junior stag party or informal party. A general plan of three major social functions next year will be followed, a Junior Prom on November 20, the stag, and a spring outing.

Educational Survey Committee Studies Future of M.I.T.

The Educational Survey Committee, appointed to study the overall question of education at Technology, is in the process of making out a report that may well influence the education of every student. Several weeks ago Professor Warren K. Lewis, chairman of the committee, addressed the Alumni Council and discussed with that group the work of his committee. At this meeting Professor Lewis put several questions to the alumni group that show the far-reaching questions under surveillance. They are as follows, according to Professor Lewis:

Alumni Position

"Alumni are always talking as well as singing about the 'Tech on Boylston Street.' One gets the impression that they want it to remain the same old Tech, or, at least, not to change too greatly. How far do the Alumni want the Institute to go in introducing changes to meet new situations and how rapidly do they feel that the changes should be made?"

"Why is it that, in comparison with other schools, so few alumni send their sons and grandsons to M.I.T., particularly for undergraduate work? Do they feel, in fact that the Institute field should be restricted to advanced, graduate study?"

Importance of Mental Discipline

"What emphasis should be placed on intellectual discipline at M.I.T.? What is the proper level of scholastic lead? How much insistence should there be on continuity of effort, on meeting time schedules, on attention to details of professional work and the like?"

"The most serious problem of the modern world involves science and its applications. Indeed, it is per-

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Senior Class Officers Bow Out As Inst. Comm. Closes Year; Subcommittee Elections Okayed

Placement Lectures For 1948 Graduates

"The M.I.T. placement bureau, and what it does for students and alumni" will be discussed at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, in Room 10-250. Speakers will be: Mr. N. M. Sage, Placement Director; Prof. C. E. Tucker, Student Placement officer; and Mrs. J. A. Yates, Alumni Placement Bureau. The lecture will be followed by a question period.

"How to get a job and how to interview" will be the topic of Professor A. L. Townsend, Placement Advisor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, in Room 10-250 on Tuesday, May 18, at 3:00 p.m.

"Mystery-Voice" Contest Announced

WMIT Managing Board Elected For Next Year

A chance to win some new records has been announced by WMIT, which will present a new "mystery voice" program next Tuesday evening at 10:00 p.m. This program will be presented in cooperation with the Mercury Recording Company, who supplied the station with one of its latest releases, recorded by a vocalist known only to the company and to Gerald A. Lessells, '50, popular music director on WMIT. The first five phone calls to him at WMIT after the "mystery voice" record is spun will rate a brand new album of Mercury records as a prize providing they guess the identity of the "mystery voice."

Elections were held Tuesday, May 4, at which time the following officers were elected: Philip Bagley, '50, Station Manager; Robert S. Griggs, '49, Business Manager; Stanley Margolin, '49, Assistant Station Manager; Robert Hoffman, '51, Program Manager; and Edward Chatterton, '50, Technical Manager.

MIT Glee Club Will Sing At Pops

Special music for Technology men will be given in Symphony Hall Sunday evening when the Boston Pops Orchestra, under the conduction of Arthur Fiedler, will play many pieces from recent popular plays as well as classical music.

The M.I.T. Glee Club, conducted by Klaus Liepmann of the Music department, will also give a series of numbers. The program will end with the M.I.T. Stein Song.

A. A. HEYDAY...

A busy, action-packed day looms for Technology sports fans as every Beaver athletic team faces a major opponent tomorrow afternoon.

Prime attraction of the home events is a crew regatta on the Charles with Yale—featuring varsity, jayvee and freshmen races—when Tech crew enthusiasts will get their first look at the M.I.T. varsity in action.

For three hours preceding the Charles River clash, the Beaver track team will vie with Tufts on Briggs Field. At the same time Tech's ace tennis team meets Wesleyan on the home courts.

Activities Ball To be "Cozy"

Boogie Pianist To Play In 5:15's Club Room

A red carpet and a tunnel-like hoop on the steps of Walker Memorial will greet everyone coming to tonight's formal Activities Ball. Two receptionists are to be on hand inside the hoop to greet Technology's activity men. The Ball, featuring the Techonians, is planned to last from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Preston Sandiford, boogie pianist, is going to provide entertainment in the 5:15 Club Room, which will be decorated as a night club. Curtains will be drawn half-way across the room. It is planned to serve refreshments downstairs. Sandiford played at last year's Ball, at which he was very popular with many of those attending.

The lounges in Walker are being redone for the dance and will be, according to Melvin J. Gardner, '50, publicity chairman, "very cozy." Furniture from the library is being moved into the hall between the library and Faculty lounge. The terraces will be open for the use of dancers.

A rising vote of thanks to G. Kendall Parmelee, retiring president of Institute Committee, brought to a close the activities of the 32-member body which has governed the Technology student body for the last year. Next year's Institute Committee was rounded out on Wednesday with the approval of chairmen for the six subcommittees and several Class A activities.

Chairman of the Walker Memorial Committee, who will serve as the secretary of the Institute Committee is William S. Edgerly. He replaces William Zimmerman. William C. Mitchell as Chairman of the Budget Committee and Treasurer of the Institute Committee is taking over the position of Carleton Boll.

The remaining four subcommittee chairmen for the coming year are as follows: National Student Association, Lloyd A. Haynes for Earl W. Eames; Elections Committee, Robert Ellsworth in place of Rudge Allen; Student Faculty Committee, Frederick J. Howden for Benjamin Brettler; Public Relations Committee, Adrian Van Stolk replacing Kenneth Brock.

A motion to approve two minor revisions to the Constitution of WMIT was tabled as a result of the fact that no members of WMIT were at hand to explain the proposed changes.

'48-'49 Schedule of Events in Walker; Groups Desiring Open Dates See WMC

OCTOBER

Friday, 1—Catholic Club—Morss Hall
Saturday, 9—Acquaintance Dance (Dorms)—Morss Hall
Saturday, 23—I. D. C. (Student Staff)—Morss Hall

NOVEMBER

Saturday, 6—Field Day and Dance—Morss Hall
Saturday, 13—I. D. C. (Student Staff)—Morss Hall
Saturday, 20—Junior Prom (Second Night)—Morss Hall

DECEMBER

Friday, 3—Techsappopin—Morss Hall
Friday, 3—Basketball game—Gym
Saturday, 4—Techsappopin
Saturday, 4—I. D. C. (Student Staff)—Morss Hall
Friday, 10—Dorms Christmas Party—Morss Hall
Saturday, 11—Musical Clubs Christmas
Saturday, 11—Concert—Morss Hall
Thursday, December 23—Friday, December 31—CHRISTMAS VACATION

JANUARY

Friday, 7—Class '50 stag party—Morss Hall
Saturday, 15—I. D. C. (Student Staff)—Morss Hall
Saturday, 22—Friday, 23—EXAM PERIOD
February, 7—SECOND TERM BEGINS

Inst. Comm. Okays "A" Activity Heads

Heads of four Class A activities for the coming year gained unanimous approval by Institute Committee at the weekly meeting held last Wednesday. The remaining Class A activity heads have been elected at various times throughout the term.

William Schneider moves to the general managership of Voo Doo to replace John D. Little. George Piness and Andy Price are expected to hold down the respective positions of Managing Editor and Business Manager.

Newly elected members of the Intra Fraternity Conference are: Executive Committee, Andrews M. Lang, Chairman; Jack Jacoby, Secretary; William R. Poynter, Treasurer.

Eugene M. Wroblewski and Frank T. Hulsmit have been elected chairman and alternate chairman of the Dormitory Committee for next year, respectively. William H. Wilson was approved as chairman of the Musical Clubs.

ATTENTION VETERANS

All veterans under Public Law 16 who plan to attend the Summer Session should arrange an immediate interview with the Veterans Administration Training Officer in Room 20E-221.

Inst. Committee Grants \$6000 For 'Technique'

Last Wednesday Technique was granted \$4,000 from Institute Committee, and \$2,000 more from the Technique reserve. This money is to clear up a \$6,000 deficit mainly developed during the war and to pay present operating expenses. At the present time the organization is operating by the courtesy of the printer, but this grant will clear the books.

The grant of funds was recommended by a meeting of publication heads, and although it is called a "loan," repayment is not expected.

For those people who wonder where such sums of money come from, this grant is being made from the Budget Committee's fund, which was \$19,000.

FLYING CLUB'S NEW CESSNA 120



Photo credit W. Stahl

Pictured above, from left to right, are: Joseph E. Day, '48, and Thomas R. Cuthbert, '50, members of the Flying Club. The plane shown in photo is a new Cessna 120, owned by the Club.

\$1000 is Granted to Flying Club To Buy Plane for New Members

Most of The Tech's readers probably noticed the sleek new Cessna 120 plane which was anchored between Building 6 and the dorms last Saturday during Open House. It is a ship similar to the one which the Technology Flying Club now owns, based at the Bedford Airport.

The whole stunt was a part of the Club's recent drive for new members, and according to Richard White, '48, the Club is now up to a capacity of 38 members. Thirty-eight men is a lot for one plane, but such a membership is practical since it lowers the cost per man for maintaining the ship.

However, provisions have been made for the expected increase in membership. At the last meeting of the Institute Committee a loan of \$1,000 was granted to the Club to partially cover the cost of buying a second plane. John Sorrels, '50, of the Club's financial committee, pointed out that the membership fees amount to about \$80, and, as soon as the new plane can be purchased the Club will be able to accommodate new members.

The Club's purpose is not only to allow the members to get in flying hours, but to provide them with experience in handling the problems of owning an airplane.

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IMPROVING EDUCATION

There seems to be a lot of talk in the educational world about putting higher education under government control in order to enable as many as possible to obtain a college degree. At the same time the trend and agitation is toward five and six year bachelor of science courses in many engineering fields. In order to enable everyone to obtain the additional knowledge so necessary in a world of advanced civilization and technology, the plan seems to be to lengthen education.

Yet no one seems to consider the possibility of revising our present educational system upward, so that more is learned in the present 12 or 16 years. The present secondary school system would be a good place to start, just judging from the example of Techmen. The biggest difficulty many of us have at Technology is that we never have learned how to study. We sit for four hours with a book in front of us and kid ourselves that we have spent the time studying and are prepared. However, the art of proper studying, picking out the important information, assimilating, and retaining it affords us the chance to learn twice as much in half the time. Yet why have we never mastered it? The answer is that in high school we never had to apply ourselves. The high school system at present caters to the slowest and poorest student and as result most of the rest waste much of their time.

Not only could the average entering freshman be better trained in the method of learning, but he could have a more extensive background in his schooling which would ease his college years or in turn allow him to be better trained at the completion of his college career.

We hear much about the advanced state of education in Europe—how the completion of high school there is equivalent to two years of college in the United States, yet there is never a suggestion of remodeling our secondary school system along their lines. In parts of Europe at least the emphasis in secondary education is on separating the sheep from the goats as early as possible or feasible. Students attend the same grade school for four years; then those interested in trades attend their own school for four more years, while those interested in more formal education go to high school for eight; then they can continue to college or university if they qualify and so desire.

The result is quite clear. There is a selection of students at the early age of 10 and the educational process from there on can be stepped up considerably. Languages and a serious consideration of the sciences can be started at this point. This system can of course be modified requiring everyone to attend school until the age of 16, and possibly including a further selection at 14 for those students interested in secretarial as compared to college work.

The objection to such a set-up seems to be that in this country limiting of opportunity for the individual so early in life goes against American principles. Everybody possible should have a chance at a college education. Yet the system has been quite successful in Europe without the use of the advanced tests—I. Q. and vocational—available now. It certainly seems more advisable to test and classify people at an early age, rather than have them complete two years at the Institute whereupon they decide that they are not cut out to be engineers after all.

In short, it is better to toughen the easy spots in the present educational system and make it more selective rather than extending education. This will allow teachers to develop the full potentialities of each student as early as possible rather than letting him loaf for years and then swamping him in college. Also the premium attached to the college degree will be removed, not nearly as many students would want or need such a degree. This would reduce for them the cost of their education and would have the same effect as government sponsored college education. We think a system such as proposed worth considering when educators talk of revising the educational setup in this country.

In The Spotlight

A 3.5 cume is respectable; a 4.5 is pretty good; but the man who can keep a straight 5.0, we decided, must be worth seeing. We therefore went to have a look at Jules S. Levin, '48, in his room in the Senior House, in order to find out how it feels to have a perfect cume for seven con-

worry much about his report card, although he is a little anxious to keep it up this time. He has been very busy on his thesis lately, so that he has not been able to waste as much time as he usually does on bull-sessions. Did he ever cut classes? Who doesn't, especially the 9.00 ones? The only difficulty, we



JULES S. LEVIN

secutive terms, and to wait for the eighth one to end.

Levin hails from Miami Beach, where he went to high school. Aside from his scholastic achievements, he is known as an excellent sailor (he is a coxswain in the Nautical Association and owns his own sail-boat), a good poker player, and a non-abstainer (his collection of half-full bottles is said to be unusually extensive). He is also Vice-president of Tau Beta Pi, Secretary of Eta Kappa Nu and a member of the Dormitory Committee and the Radio Society.

Levin did not seem greatly impressed by his achievement. "All it proves," he said, "is that I'm a little luckier than the next guy, and that I picked up a little momentum." No, he generally didn't

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were informed, occurs in course which use no text, but rely on lectures for their material.

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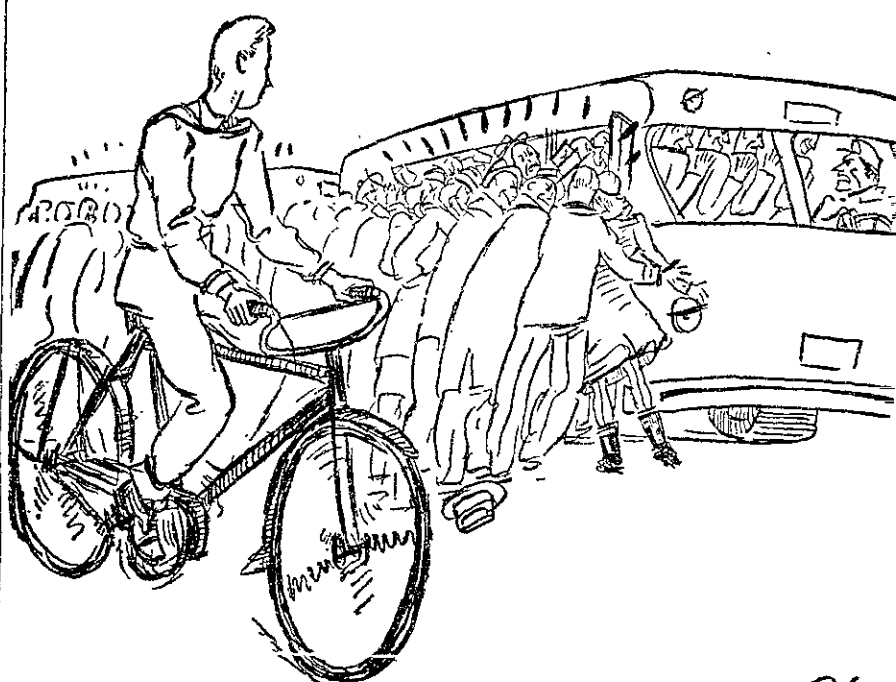
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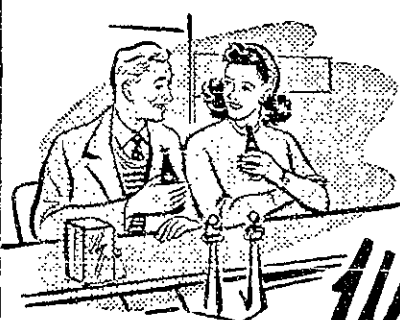
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Russ played his first round of golf at the age of ten and has since become fairly proficient at the sport. When he moved on to high school, Russ made his presence felt by leading Newton High to the Massachusetts State Championship.

After entering Tech, Russ soon established himself as an up and coming star. However, he joined the army after a year of varsity competition. Within a year after joining, Russ ranked among the top golfers in the Pacific Area. Chosen to represent the 96th Division in the Pacific Olympics, he turned in a top-notch performance. Out of a field of many pros and highly rated amateurs, Russ came in seventh.

Among other feats while in the
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Sports Schedule

FRIDAY, MAY 7

Baseball—Freshmen vs. Newton High School at Newton
Golf—Eastern Intercollegiate Round Robin at Providence
Tennis—Varsity vs. Harvard at Harvard
Freshmen vs. Harvard at Harvard

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Baseball—Varsity vs. Harvard Jayvees at Harvard—3:00 p.m.
Freshmen vs. Boston University at B.U.—2:30 p.m.
Crew—Regatta with Yale on Charles River:
Freshmen, 5:00 p.m.; Jayvee, 5:30 p.m.; Varsity, 6:00 p.m.
Golf—Eastern Intercollegiate Round Robin at Providence
Lacrosse—Varsity vs. Williams at Williamstown
Sailing—New England Dinghy Championship at New London
Tennis—Varsity vs. Wesleyan at Briggs Field—3:00 p.m.
Track—Varsity vs. Tufts at Briggs Field—2:00 p.m.
Freshmen vs. Tufts at Briggs Field—2:00 p.m.

Varsity Skippers Gain Third At Brown; Jayvees Capture Dinghy League Regatta

Sailing in Dyer "D" dinks at Brown, two Tech skippers beat seven colleges to gain third place in the George Owen Trophy regatta, May 1 and 2. Brown won the regatta with 194 points followed by Yale with 167. Tech totaled 158 points, Harvard 140.5, Coast Guard 139, Navy 130, Army 99.5, Princeton 91, Pennsylvania 84, and Dartmouth 81.

The winds were fluky on both days, blowing from almost

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every point of the compass, and necessitating a change of course for almost every race. High points for Tech were garnered by freshman skipper, Bob Nickerson with 86, sailing in "B" Division, followed by Charlie Bloomer with 72, sailing in "A" Division.

Win Jayvee Regatta

Tech won the final Jayvee Basin Dinghy League meet on Tuesday with a score of 14 points to Boston College's 13, Harvard's 12, Tufts' 11, and Northeastern's 4.

A strong wind came up just after the first race began, docking most of the non-racing dinghies. Confusion reigned, many boats nearly capsizing and several colliding, causing an hour's delay in starting the second race. Just before "B" Division's start, the Harvard boat was damaged in a collision. As a result the race was sailed minus Harvard allowing Tech to win without even getting a first.

Olympic Eliminations

The New England eliminations for a berth on the U. S. Olympic sailing team will be held on the Charles Tuesday, May 10.

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Kaufman Defeats Ex-Unbeaten Star

In an abbreviated match with Boston University on the Briggs Field courts Wednesday afternoon, the Tech tennis team won, 5-1. This victory kept the team's record clean for its six matches this season and ended the highly-touted B.U. winning streak. The doubles matches were called off due to rain.

One Boston paper wrote glowingly Tuesday of the Terrier team and its winning streaks. B.U. was undefeated last year and had not previously lost this year. The Terriers boasted two players who had never been defeated in college competition, Captain Bill Powers and Russ Kneen. In the opinion of B.U. Coach Leroy Seils, "Powers is the top college tennis player in the country." The underdog Tech team—according to the Boston paper—snapped all three streaks.

Rallies to Win

Tech's captain, Axel Kaufmann, played in the number one singles match against Powers. Kaufmann lost the first set, 6-1. In the second set, trailing 40-5 on his opponent's serve, Kaufmann won the next point after a long volley in which he was chased from back court to the net several times. He broke through Powers' serve to win that game and then won the set, 6-1.

The third set was a show of superb tennis, as was the entire match, according to Jack Summers, Tech's coach. Kaufmann took the third set, 6-4, to break Powers' streak.

Watters Snaps Streak

Warren Watters, the Red and Grey number two man, broke Kneen's streak, 6-4, 3-6, and 6-3. Gary Colton, of Tech, won an extended match from Jack Conant by scores of 2-6, 6-3, and 6-2. Earl Ruhl and Hank Eckardt were the other Tech winners, while Amos Roberts lost to Charlie Dullea, of B.U.

This afternoon the racquetmen play Harvard on the Crimson's courts. The match will be one of undefeated teams since Harvard has won all of its matches this season.

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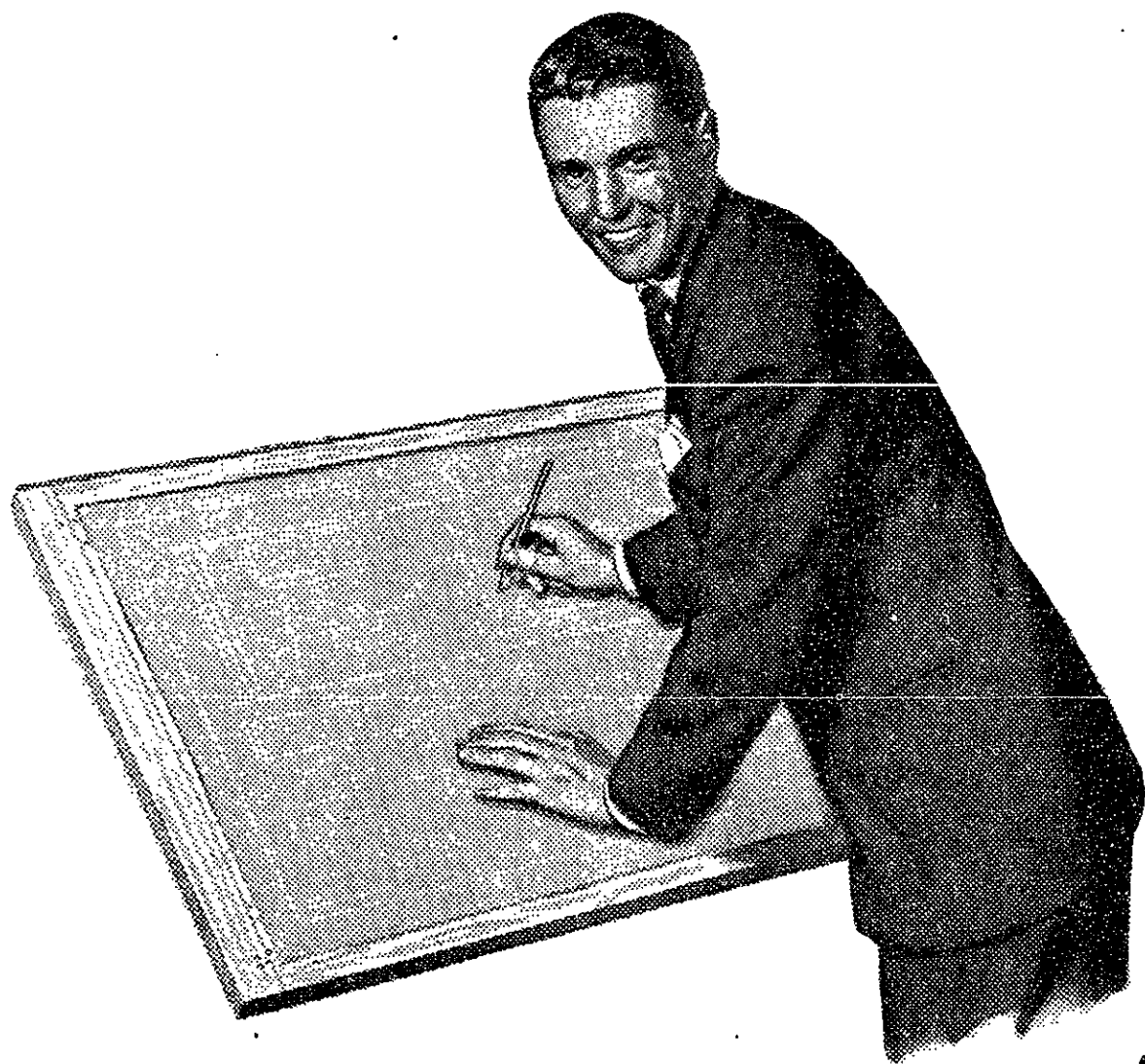
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"The Professional Development of the Young Mechanical Engineer" was discussed by Professor C. R. Soderberg of the Mechanical Engineering Department before the A.S.M.E. last Monday. Speaking optimistically of job opportunities, he stressed education after graduation. As advice to seniors he stated "Set out to master, not to serve the industry of your choice. Be willing to specialize, but keep your mind open to the possibility of entering new fields."

Following the meeting, the A.S.M.E. members remained for the annual election of officers. The following were elected: Chairman, John M. Cook, '49; Vice-Chairman, Donald W. Ramsey, '49; and Secretary-Treasurer, Robert C. Stout, '50.

HILLEL SOCIETY

The following men were elected to offices in the Hillel Society: Eli I. Goodman, '50, President; Jordan Loftus, '50, Vice-President; Natalie J. Adelman, '50, Secretary-Treasurer; Maurice S. Hedaya, '51, Corresponding Secretary; Lew W. Berger, '50, Social Chairman and Salman I. Mashel, '50, Publicity Chairman.

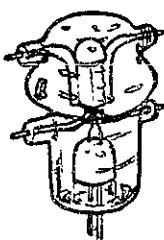
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Plans of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish terrorist organization in Palestine, after British evacuation on May 15, will be outlined by Dr. I. Lifschitz in his talk next Tuesday, May 11, at 5:00 p.m., sponsored by the Lecture Series Committee. The room will be announced later. Dr. Lifschitz is the highest U. S. representative of the organization, which is the second largest underground organization in Palestine with approximately 10,000 men under arms. It is exceeded in size only by Hagana.

CLASS OF 1951

There will be a meeting of all candidates of the freshman ballot, as well as members of the freshman council, and all members of the class who are interested in running for the new Sophomore council in Lichfield Lounge at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10.

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Graduates Hold Annual Election

The Graduate House, one of most important and least published living groups at Technology, has elected an executive committee for next year. As provided in the Constitution of the living group, five members and several runner-up candidates for filling vacancies were elected by a general election under the auspices of an election committee. The members of the executive committee for next year are: James Angell, John Carr, Bajirao Gokhale, James Henry and Thomas Pigford.

During the past seven months the Graduate House Student organization has progressed considerably toward the solution of the graduate house problems. There are, however, still many problems of living still to be solved, and these issues played a prominent part in the election platforms.

TCA

The Red Cross Blood Bank was increased by 162 pints by Technology men last week. This was 86% of the men who signed up with the TCA in the drive. Blood from the other 14% was not taken because of eating too short a time before, or because of a recent illness. The usual public average, however, is only 75%.

Levin

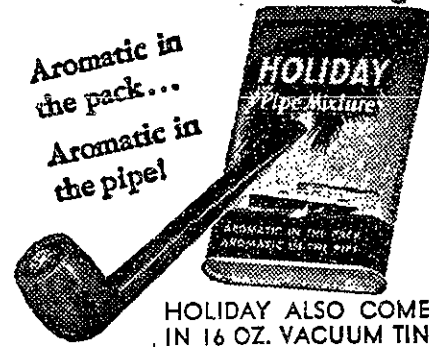
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folk music. They added that he had been offered a Pepsi-Cola scholarship for graduate study in his field of nuclear engineering, but that he turned it down because he wants to work at Brookhaven, and hopes to get some others. They're certain that he will get a 5.0 average for the last term as well, although one was skeptical of anyone's ability to get an H in music. Of course, he'll do it. Levin just can't help it; some guys are just built that way.

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service, Russ walked off with the Fort Ord championship. While on the West Coast, he took on George Murphy and Pat O'Brien at Pebble Beach in a "friendly match."

After his discharge from the Army in '46, Russ continued his brilliant play. After a good season last year, he was invited to attend the New England Intercollegiate championships. Russ came in tenth among a field of 125 of New England's best.

This year has been Russ's best year. Of five individual matches, Russ has copped four. Against B.U. Russ shot what he considered his greatest round. Over the tough Woodland Country Club course, he made a par 71.

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Survey

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haps not an exaggeration to state that the very existence of these problems is due to the impact of science and technology on human activities. The solution of these problems demands leadership. What is the responsibility of the Institute in the training of men for leadership in this field? Should the Institute leave this problem to the universities or does it have a contribution of its own to make?"

Reaction Varied

The reaction of the Alumni Council to these very searching questions was varied, but it was agreed by the group that the work

of the committee was very important. Professor Charles E. Locke, secretary of the Alumni Council, stated that in his opinion, as a member of the council, that the survey of education that is now being made by this special committee is being done at a very appropriate time, and the results of the survey will be awaited with interest.

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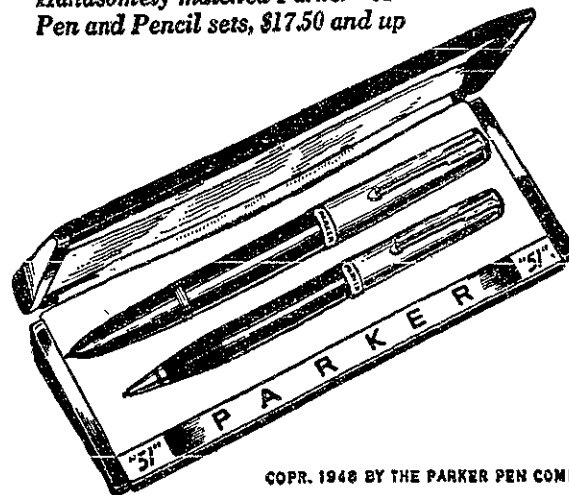
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